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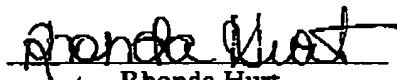
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Applicant petitions under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw this application from issue to permit consideration of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The RCE and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) are enclosed.

The issue fee was submitted in this application on December 6, 2006. This Petition, the IDS and the RCE are being faxed directly to the Office of Petitions at fax number 571-273-0025.

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